THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V. RAMULU

5th June, 2006

W.P.No.10076 of 2006

Between:

G. Adinarayana .. Petitioner

And

Mandal Revenue Officer, Yellanur
Mandal, Ananthapur District & another .. Respondents

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ORAL ORDER:

Petitioner is a retail kerosene dealer. His authorization was suspended by Proceedings dated 10-4-2006 of the 1st respondent on the ground that a criminal case is filed against him alleging that he threatened the Mandal Revenue Officer. Challenging the same, the present writ petition is filed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner brought to the notice of the Court Clause 29 of the Andhra Pradesh Petroleum Products (Licensing and Regulation of Supplies) Order,1980. The said clause contemplates suspension or cancellation of licence only when a licence holder is convicted in a criminal case and not otherwise. Further, against the impugned Order, an appeal has already been filed by the petitioner and the same is pending before the 2nd respondent-Revenue Divisional Officer.

Heard the learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies, who supported the impugned Order.

In view of the fact that appeal is pending before the 2nd respondent, this Court does not want to go into the merits of the case. Suffice it to direct the 2nd respondent to dispose of the appeal as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this Order. During the pendency of the appeal, the Order dated 10-4-2006 passed by the 1st respondent-Mandal Revenue Officer shall stand suspended.

With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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